

## DECISION

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### VIII. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of this decision will take place with the publication of the final rulemaking in the Federal Register. Those rules will regulate the taking of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands beginning with the 1992-1993 season. These regulations would remain in effect unless or until the State:

"... enacts and implements laws of general applicability which are consistent with, and which provide for the definition, preference and participation specified in, sections 803, 804, and 805, such laws unless and until repealed, shall supersede such sections insofar as such sections govern State responsibility pursuant to this title for the taking of fish and wildlife on the public lands for subsistence uses... [ANILCA 805(d)]

As a part of the implementation of this decision, the Federal government will set seasons and bag limits annually within the framework of the formal rules. The Board will also make determinations of rural status and customary and traditional uses periodically as needed.

Prior to reaching the decision documented in this ROD, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture (Departments) have evaluated and considered all public comments which were timely submitted in response to the proposed Subsistence Management Regulations for Federal Public Lands in Alaska, Subparts A, B, and C, published in 57 Federal Register 3676-3687 (January 30, 1992), as well as the public comments submitted in response to the draft EIS for the Subsistence Program. When completing the text of the final Subsistence Regulations, the Departments will further address all public comments submitted in response to the proposed Subsistence Regulations.